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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Health Services Cost Review Commission - Appointment of Members**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Governor, when appointing members of the Health  
4 Services Cost Review Commission to fill certain vacancies, to give priority to  
5 geographic areas of the State that are not represented or that are  
6 underrepresented on the Commission; and generally relating to the Health  
7 Services Cost Review Commission.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
9 Article - Health - General  
10 Section 19-201(a) and (b)  
11 Annotated Code of Maryland  
12 (2000 Replacement Volume and 2002 Supplement)

13 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
14 Article - Health - General  
15 Section 19-203  
16 Annotated Code of Maryland  
17 (2000 Replacement Volume and 2002 Supplement)

18 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
19 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

20 **Article - Health - General**

21 19-201.

22 (a) In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.

23 (b) "Commission" means the State Health Services Cost Review Commission.

24 19-203.

25 (a) (1) The Commission consists of 7 members appointed by the Governor.

1           (2)     Of the 7 members, 4 shall be individuals who do not have any  
2 connection with the management or policy of any facility.

3     (b)     Each member shall be interested in problems of health care.

4     (c)     (1)     The term of a member is 4 years.

5           (2)     The terms of members are staggered as required by the terms  
6 provided for members of the Commission on July 1, 1982. The terms of those members  
7 end as follows:

8           (i)     2 in 1983;

9           (ii)    1 in 1984;

10          (iii)   2 in 1985; and

11          (iv)    2 in 1986.

12          (3)     At the end of a term, a member continues to serve until a successor is  
13 appointed and qualifies.

14          (4)     A member who is appointed after a term has begun serves only for  
15 the rest of the term and until a successor is appointed and qualifies.

16          (5)     A member who serves 2 consecutive full 4-year terms may not be  
17 reappointed for 4 years after completion of those terms.

18          (6)     WHEN APPOINTING A MEMBER TO FILL A VACANCY DUE TO THE  
19 EXPIRATION OF A MEMBER'S TERM, THE GOVERNOR SHALL GIVE PRIORITY TO  
20 GEOGRAPHIC AREAS OF THE STATE THAT ARE NOT REPRESENTED OR THAT ARE  
21 UNDERREPRESENTED ON THE COMMISSION.

22     SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take  
23 effect October 1, 2003.